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HUSBAND AND WIFE CHARGED IN MAIL THEFT AND CREDIT CARD FRAUD SCHEME

Orlando, Florida – A federal grand jury returned a four-count Indictment charging, Marsha M. Sheets, age 32, and her husband, Gary A. Sheets, age 31, both of Orlando, with conspiracy, credit card fraud, possession of stolen credit cards, and possession of stolen mail matter.

The Indictment alleges that during the period from at least August 1, 2003, through September 23, 2003, Marsha and Gary Sheets conspired to steal mail from apartment mailbox kiosks in Orange and Seminole counties, to use stolen credit cards to purchase merchandise, and to sell the merchandise on E-bay over the internet. The Indictment alleges that Marsha and Gary Sheets broke into at least ten different mailbox kiosks and stored the stolen mail, including credit cards, in their car and apartment. The Indictment further states that the Sheets used several of the stolen credit cards to purchase merchandise and that they had at least twenty different stolen credit cards in their possession on September 23, 2003. Marsha and Gary Sheets were arrested at a hotel in Charlotte, North Carolina today. The couple made their initial appearance in federal court in Charlotte. They will be transported to Orlando, where they will have their detention hearing.

If convicted of the credit card fraud charges, the Sheets' could be sentenced to a maximum prison sentence of 10 years, a maximum fine of \$250,000, and a maximum three years of supervised release.

The case was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service. The case will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Karen L. Gable of the Orlando Division of the United States Attorney's Office.

An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of the federal criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty.

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